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Details of Renewable Power Plants installed in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra

SI. No.	Renewable Power Plant	District	Plant Capacity (in MW)
1.	Small Hydro Power	Amravati	0.75
2.	Small Hydro Power	Amravati	1.50
3.	Wind Power	Amravati	2.00
4.	Biomass Power	Gondia	8.00
5.	Bagasse Cogeneration	Nagpur	9.00
TOTAL		21.25	

Financial incentives for power generation

†133. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have announced various financial incentives during the last few months to boost electricity generation capacity;

(b) if so, the financial incentives available to the power generation sector presently; and

(c) the financial advantage accrued to the industry in 2006-07 due 'to these incentives?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) During last few months no financial incentives have been announced by the Central Government to specifically boost electricity generation capacity. However, fiscal concessions/benefits for generation projects are available to Mega Power Projects, under the Mega Power Policy, which are aimed at reducing the power tariff from large capacity power generating plants.

In addition during the 10th Plan, the scheme of Accelerated Generation & Supply Programme was also continued under which a specified level of interest subsidy was made available. During 2006-07, interest subsidy of approximately Rs. 457 crore and Rs. 30.2 crore respectively was released to Power Finance Corporation and Rural Electrification Corporation which were disbursing the interest subsidy, for making it available to power utilities.

Power generation targets

†134. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an assessment of the requirement of additional skilled labour, useful fuel and plants has been made, to achieve the huge target of power generation during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(c) what would be the need for skilled labourers and the quantity of useful fuel for the above said target?

†Onginal notice of the question was received in Hindi.